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Deputy Pat Buckley,  
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**“To ask the Minister for Health the expected costs, work and timeline for renovation or refurbishment of the Owenacurra Mental Health Centre in Midleton, County Cork.”**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Owenacurra Centre is a Mental Health Services continuing care unit in Midleton Co. Cork. It is registered with the Mental Health Commission to provide a service for Psychiatry of Later Life, continuing mental health care, and mental health rehabilitation.

The original plan for the Owenacurra Centre was to refurbish. However, once planning work for this refurbishment began, and based on commissioned reports, it was established that refurbishment would effectively mean demolishing the building, as a full refurbishment in itself would not guarantee that the building would meet building requirements or be regarded as fit for purpose.

The difficult but necessary decision to close the unit was made in consultation with our Estates colleagues given the unacceptable deficiencies in the accommodation and the investment of significant funding into a building which would still not bring the unit up to an acceptable accommodation standard for residents.

In light of this decision you will note that there are no plans to renovate or refurbish the Owenacurra Centre in Midleton.

I trust you find the above clarifies the query raised.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Morrison,  
A/Head of Mental Health Services  
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